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I. Introduction

1. By General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954, Member States were invited to extend to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories offers of facilities not only for study and training of university standard, but also for study at the post-primary level, as well as technical and vocational training of immediate practical value.

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1696 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, offers extended under resolution 845 (IX) are communicated by the Secretariat to the administering Powers to enable them to give appropriate publicity to the offers in the Territories under their administration.

3. Information on scholarships offered by Member States under the programme is made available to prospective applicants. Reference to the programme is included in the thirtieth edition of the handbook entitled *Study Abroad* (1996/1997), published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

4. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) and subsequent resolutions,[1] the Secretary-General submits to the Assembly each year a report containing detailed information on the offers made and the extent to which they were utilized.[2] The present report, which covers the period from 1 October 1996 to 30 September 1997, is submitted in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 51/142 of 13 December 1996.

II. Scholarship offers and awards

A. Offering States

5. Over the years, the 46 States Members of the United Nations and 1 non-member State listed below have offered to make scholarships available for the use of inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories in response to the resolutions mentioned above:

Australia
Austria
Barbados
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
Cuba
Cyprus
Czechoslovakia
Egypt
Finland
Gabon
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Hungary
India
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Malawi
Malta
Mexico
New Zealand
Pakistan
Panama
Philippines
Poland
Romania
Russian Federation
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Uruguay
Yugoslavia

6. In addition to the programme under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX), a number of Member States have contributed to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA).

B. Offers and awards

Bahamas

7. In notes verbales dated 11 August and 8 September 1997, the Permanent Mission of the Bahamas to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the Government of the Bahamas had rendered assistance to students from the Turks and Caicos Islands enrolled at the College of the Bahamas, particularly in the Teachers' Education Programme, and that for the future the College would be prepared to assist two students from Montserrat, one from Anguilla and one from the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Austria

8. In a note verbale dated 8 September 1997, the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the Austrian Development Cooperation Programme regularly provided vocational training and capacity-building in the infrastructure and education sectors for inhabitants of Western Sahara. Furthermore, specific assistance was provided on a regular basis for the training of kindergarten teachers from that Territory.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

9. In a note verbale dated 23 September 1997, the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that during the financial year 1996/97 the United Kingdom had offered 19 scholarships to students from the British Non-Self-Governing Territories, as follows: Anguilla (two); Bermuda (four); British Virgin Islands (one); Cayman Islands (eight); Montserrat (three); and Saint Helena (one).

III. Applications made through the United Nations

10. In accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 1696 (XVI), applications for scholarships received by the United Nations Secretariat from inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories are transmitted simultaneously to the offering States for consideration and to the administering Powers for information.

11. Between 17 September 1996 and 23 September 1997, the Secretariat received requests from 23 students for information on the availability of scholarships. None of those students were inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Notes

[1] The most recent resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on this question are resolutions 49/42 of 9 December 1994, 50/35 of 6 December 1995 and 51/142 of 13 December 1996.

[2] For the most recent reports, see A/49/413, A/50/481 and A/51/373.